

**ABSTRACT**

The invention is directed to a peel-type blind rivet assembly (110) for setting in relatively soft material (152) and comprising an elongate tubular body (102) having a shank (106) with 5 a enlarged head (108). A free end (114) of the shank, remote from the head (108), has an expandable portion formed by a plurality of slots (112) extending partway along the shank from this remote end (114). A mandrel (104) has a stem, and a mandrel head (126) with a maximum external diameter greater than the internal diameter of the body (102) such that the mandrel head (126) forms a shoulder (128) between the mandrel stem and an outer surface of 10 the mandrel head, which shoulder (128) extends substantially perpendicular to the axis of the rivet body (102).

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